WORLD GROWS BETTER.

Dr. Talmage Says the Time in Which We Live Is Wonderful for Disaster

and Blessings.

The Dead Sea Rolls Today Where Ancient Cities Stood.

the President, the Cimbria, the Oregon, the Mohegan. But why should I go on calling the roll when none of them an-swers, and the roll is as long as the white scroll of the Atlantic surf at Cape Hat-teras breakers? If the oceanic cables could report all the scattered life and all the bleached bones that they rub against in the ocean, what a message of pathos and tragedy for both beaches! In one storm eighty fishermen perished off the coast of Newfoundland and whole fleets of them off the coast of England. God help the poor fellows at sea and give high seats in heaven to the Grace Darlings and Ida Lewises and the lifeboat men hovering around Goodwin sands and the Skerries! The sea, owning three-fourths of the earth, WASHINGTON, D. C .- In this discourse by Ashington, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage recites some great events and shows that the world is advancing in the right direction; text, Joel ii, 30, "I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth " earth.

around Goodwin sands and the Skerries! The sea, owning three-fourths of the earth, proposes to capture the other fourth, and is bombarding the land all around the earth. The moving of the hotels at Brigh-ton Beach backward 100 yards from where they once stood, a type of what is going on all around the world and on every coast. The Dead Sea rolls to-day where ancient citizs stood earth." Dr. Cumming-great and good man-would have told us the exact time of the fulfillment of this prophecy. As I stepped into his study in London on my arrival from Paris just after the French had sur-rendered at Sedan the good doctor said to me: "It is just what I had told you about France. People laughed at me because I talked about the seven horns and the vials, but I foresaw all this from the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation." Not taking any such responsibility in the inancient cities stood. ancient cities stood. But now I turn the leaf in my subject, and I plant the white lilies and the palm tree amid the nightshades and the myrtle. This age no more characterized by won-ders of disaster than by wonders of bless-ing-blessing of longevity; the average of human lifs rapidly increasing. Forty years now worth 400 years once. Now I can travel from Manitoba to New York in less than three days. In other times it would have taken three months. In other words, three days now are worth three months of other days. The average taking any such responsibility in the in-terpretation of the passage, I simply as sert that there are in it suggestions of many things in our time. Our eyes dilate and our heart quickens

in its pulsations as we read of events in the third century, the sixth century, the eighth century, the fourteenth century, but there were more far-reaching events In other words, three days now are worth three months of other days. The average of human life practically greater now than when Noah lived, with his 950 years, and Methuselah lived his 969 years. Blessings of intelligence: The Salmon P. Chases and the Abraham Lincolns and the Henry Wilsons of the coming time will not be required to learn to read by pine knot lights or seated on shoemaker's bench, nor will the Fergueons have to study astronocrowded into the nineteenth century than into any other, and the last twenty years eclipse any preceding twenty. We read in the daily newspapers of events announced in one paragraph and without any special emphasis—events which a Herodotus, a Josephus, a Xenophon, a Gibbon, would have taken whole chapters or whole voltime, we must cry out in the words of the text, "Wonders in the heavens and in the will the Fergusons have to study astrono-my while watching the cattle. Knowledge rolls its tides along every poor man's door, and his children may go down and bathe earth.

I propose to show you that the time in in them which we live is wonderful for disaster and wonderful for blessing, for there must be lights and shades in this picture as in all others. Need I argue that our time is ago were called up to recite in a class with our boys and girls, those old philosophers would be sent down to the foot of the class because they failed to answer the wonderful for disaster? Our world has had a rough time since by the hand of God it was bowled out into space. It is an epileptic earth—convulsion after convulquestions! and cities of the land. Historical alcoves and poetical shelves and magazine tables for all who desire to walk through them an epiceptic earth—convision after convol-sion; frosts pounding it with sledge ham-mer of icebergs and fires melting it with furnaces seven times heated. It is a won-der to me it has lasted so long. Meteors shooting by on this side and grazing it and meteors about the with and the side and or all who desire to waik through them or sit down at them. So I rejoice day by day. Work for all to do, and we may turn the crank of the Christian machinery this way or that, for we are free agents. But there is the track laid so long ago no one remembers it—laid by the hand of the Almighty God in sock-ies that no terrestrial or satisfie pressure meteors shooting by on this side and grazing it and meteors shooting by on the other side and grazing it, none of them slowing up for safety. Whole fleets and navies and argo-gosies and flotillas of worlds sweeping all about us. Our earth like a fishing smack off the banks of Newfoundland, while the Mainetic and the St. ets that no terrestrial or satanic pressure can ever affect. Majestic and the St. Paul and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse rush by. Besides that, our world has by sin been damaged world's redemption will roll and roll to the Grand Central depot of the millen-nium. I have no anxiety about the track. I am only afraid that for our indolence and unfaithfulness God will discharge us in its internal machinery, and ever and anon the furnaces have burst, and the

anon the furnaces have burst, and the walking beams of the mountains have broken, and the islands have shipped a sea, and the great hulk of the world has been jarred with accidents that ever and anon threatened immediate demolition. But it seems to us as if the last hundred years were especially characterized by dis-aster-volcanic, oceanic, epidemic. I say volcano hushed up. When Stromboli and Cotopaxi and Vesuvius stop breathing, let the foundations of the earth beware! Sev-en thousand earthquakes in two centuries recorded in the catalogue of the British as-sociation! Traian, the emperor, goes to recorded in the catalogue of the British as-sociation! Trajan, the emperor, goes to ancient Antioch, and amid the splendors of his reception is met by an earthquake that nearly destroys the emperor's life. Lisbon, fair and beautiful, at 1 o'clock know. That box was there when I got the house, and it was there when my father got it. We havn't had any curiosity to look at it. I guess there's nothing in it." "Well," said the stranger, "I'll give you £2 for it." "Well, done." The £2 was paid, and the contents of that box were sold to the Czar of Russia for \$50,000. In it the lethic methins of Patrotic Cont

Lisbon, fair and beautiful, at 1 o'clock on the 1st of November, 1755, in six min-utes 60,000 have perished, and Voltaire writes of them, "For that region it was the last judgment; nothing wanting but a trumpet!" Europe and America feeling the throb—1500 chimneys in Boston partly or fully destroyed! But the disasters of other times have hid their counterpart in later times. In 1812 Caracas was caught in the grip of an earthquarke in 1882 in Chile 100000 servers

1812 Caracas was caught in the grip of an earthquake, in 1882 in Chile 100,000 square miles of land by volcanic force upheaved to four and seven feet of permanent ele-vation, in 1854 Japan felt the geological agony; Naples shaken in 1857, Mexico in 1858; Mendoza, the cavital of the Argentine Republic, in 1861; Manila terrorized in 1863: the Hawaiian Islands by such force uplifted and let down in 1871; Nevada shaken in 1871, Antioch in 1872; Califor-nia in 1872, San Salvador in 1873, while 1983 what subterranean excitement! Is-chia, an island of the Mediterranean, a beautiful Italian watering place, vineyard chia, an island of the Mediterrance, beautiful Italian watering place, vineyard clad, surrounded by all natural charm and clad, surrounded by all natural charm in the historical reminiscence; yonder Capri, the summer resort of the Roman emperors; yonder Naples, the paradise of art-this beautiful island suddenly toppled into the yonder Naples, the paradise of art-this beautiful island suddenly toppled into the trough of the earth, 8000 merrymakers perishing, and some of them so far down beneath the reach of human obsequies that it may be said of many a one of them, as it was said of Mozes, "The Lord buried him." Italy, all Europe weeping, all Chris-tendom weeping where there were hearts to sympathize and Christians to pray. But while the nations were measuring that magnitude of disaster, measuring it not with golden rod like that with which the angel measured heaven, but with the black rule of death, Java, of the Indian archi-pelago, the most fertile island of all the earth, is caught in the grip of the earth-quake, and mountain after mountain goes down, and city after city until that island, which produces the best beverage of all the world. produced the ghastliest catas-trophe. One hundred thousand people dying, dead! Coming nearer home, on August 31, 1886, the great earthquake which prostrated one-half of Charleston, S. C. <text>

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review of Trade says: Current trade is of imple dimensions, but traffic congestion grows worse, and labor controversies add to the embarrassment of shippers. Prices of commodities tend upward. Al-though nominal quotations of iron and steel are unchanged, figures refer only to future deliveries, and in most cases prices for current shipment command a considerable premium.

Activity and strength are conspicuous in the markets for domestic wool. Cot-ton goods are in better request, but mills delay new undertakings because of the sudden rise in raw material, and if it is sustained there will probably be a new price list of prints.

Staple products continue advancing, corn making a most sensational gain. Cotton was aroused from its lethargy by an unexpectedly low official estimate of the current crop at only 9,674,000 bales, when about a million more was predicted by the members of the leading exchanges.

Bradstreet's says:

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 4,604,846 bushels, as against 5,117,478 last week and 3,432,159 in this week last year. Wheat exports, July 1 to date (twenty-three weeks) aggregate 132,423,906 bushels, as against So,175,152 last season. Corn exports aggregate 362,844 bushels, as against 630, 968 bushels last week and 5,371,377 last year; July 1 to date corn exports are 19,516,931 bushels, against 78,848,203 last cason

Business failures in the United States for the week number 237, as against 189 last week, 224 in this week last year, 220 in 1899, 237 in 1898 and 292 in 1897. Canadian failures number 23, against 26 last week and 27 a year ago.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour - Best Patent, \$4.75; High Grade Extra, \$4.25; Minnesota Bakers, \$3.00a3.25.

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Corn-New York No. 2 714c; Phila-delphia No. 2 67a671/2c; Baltimore No. 2 653/4c.

Oats-New York No. 2 511/c; Phila-delphia No. 2 54c; Baltimore No. 2 53c. Hay .- No. 1 timothy, large bales, \$15 .-50a16.00; do, small bales, -a16.00; No. 2 timothy, \$14.50a15..00; No. 3 timothy, \$12.00a13.50.

Green Fruits and Vegetables .-- Apples, nearby, per brl, fancy red \$2,50a3.00. Cabbage, New York State, per ton \$9.00 a11.00. Carrots, nativé, per bu box 35a 40c. Cauliflower-Long Island, per crate or brl \$1.50a2.50. Celery-New York State, per dozen stalks 20a35c; do, bers-Florida, per crate \$1.75a2.00. Lettuce-Native, per bushel box 40a6oc. Onions-Maryland and Pennsylvania. yellow, per bu. \$1.25a1.30. String Beans-Norfolk, per basket, green, \$2.00a2.50; do. wax,, \$2.00a2.50. Turnips-Native, per bushel box 20a25c.

Potatoes. - White - Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bu, No. 1 85a90c; do, seconds, 60a75c; New York, per bu, best stock, 85a90c; do, common, 60a75c; Western, per bu, prime, 85a90c. Sweets -Eastern Shore. Virginia, per truck brl, \$1.25a1.75; do, per flour brl, \$1.75a 1.85; do, per brl, frost 75c.a\$1.00; na-tive, per brl, No. 1, \$2.00a2.25; North keep it. Carolina, per brl, No. 1, \$2.0022.25. Yams-Virginia, per brl, smooth, --a\$1. Provisions and Hog Products.--Bulk clear rib sides, oc; bulk clear sides, ol/c; bulk shoulders, 91/2c; bulk clear plates, 91/4c; bulk fat backs, 14 lbs and under. 91/4c; sugar-cured shoulders, narrow, sugar-cured shoulders, extra 21/4 C .. ; broad, 101/2c; hams, canvased or un-canvased, 12 lbs and over, 121/2c; refined lard, tierces, brls and 50-lb cans, gross, 03/40 Eggs.—Western Maryland and Penn-sylvania, per dozen —a27c.; Eastern Shore (Maryland and Virginia), per dozen –27c.; Virginia, per dozen, 26a 27c.; West Virginia, per dozen, 25a26c.; Western, per dozen, 26a27c.; Southern, 23a25c.

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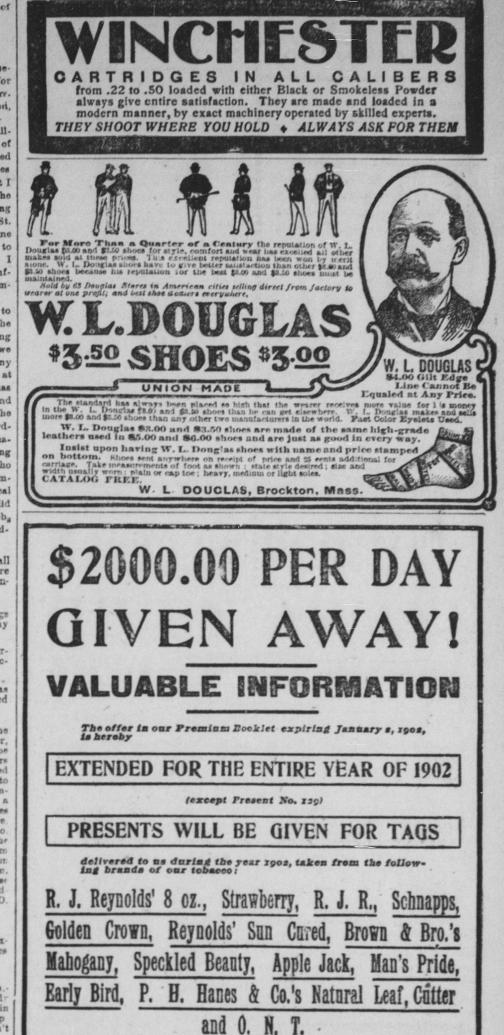
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When Titans play quoits they pitch mountains, but who owns these gigantic natural forces we are constantly reading about? Whose hand is on the throttle valve of the volcances? Whose foot, sud-denly planted on the footstool, makes the continents guiver? God! I must be at peace with Him.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ this God is mine and He is yours. I put the earth-guake that shook Palestine at the cruciquake that shook Palestine at the cruci-fixion against all the down rockings of the centuries. This God on our side, we may challenge all the centuries of time and all the cycles of eternity. Those of you who are in midlife may well thank God that you have seen so many wondrous things, but there are people alive to day who may live to see the shim-

alive to-day who may live to see the shim-mering veil between the material and the spiritual world lifted.

Magnetism, a word with which we cover

Magnetism, a word with which we cover up our ignorance, will yet be an explored realm. Electricity, the fiery courser of the sky, that Benjamin Franklin lassoed and Morse and Bell and Edison have brought under complete control, has greater wonders to reveal. Whether here or departed this life, we will see these things. It does not make much difference where we stand, but the higher the standpoint the larger the pros-pect. We will see them from heaven if we do not see them from earth. Years ago I was at Fire Island, Long Island, and I went up in the cupols from which they telegraph to New York the approach of vessels hours before they come into port. There is an opening in the wall, and the operator puts his telescope through that opening and looks out and sees ves-sels far out at sea. While I was talking with him he went up and looked out. He said, "We are expecting the Arizona to-night." I said: "Is it possible you know all those vessels? Do you know them as you know a man's face?" He said: "Yea. I never make a mistake. Before I see the hulls I often know them by the masts. I know them all-I have watched them so long."

know them all--1 have watched them so long." Oh, what a grand thing it is to have ships telegraphed and heralded long before they come to port, that friends may come down to the wharf and welcome their long absent ones! So to-day we take our stand in the watch tower, and through the glass of inspiration we look off and see a whole fleet of ships coming in. That is the ship of peace, flag with one star of Bethlehem floating above the topgallants. That is the ship of the church, mark of salt water high upon the smokestack, showing she has had rough weather, but the Captain of Salvation commands her, and all is well with her. The ship of heaven, mightiest craft ever launched, millions of passengers waiting for millions more, prophets and apostles and martyrs in the cabin, con-querors at the foot of the mast, while from the rigging hands are waving this way as if they knew us, and we wave back again, for they are ours. They went out from our own households. Ours! Hail, hail! Put off the black and put on the white. Stop tolling the funeral bell and ring the wedding anthem, Shut up the hearse and take the chariot. Now the ship comes around the great long

take the chariot. Now the ship comes around the great headland. Soon she will strike the wharf and we will go aboard her. Tears for ships going out. Laughter for ships com-ing in. Now she touches the wharf. Throw out the planks. Block not up that gangway with embracing long lost friends, for you will have eternity of reunion. Stand back and give way until other mill-ions come aboard her. Farewell to sint Farewell to struggle! Farewell to sint Farewell to struggle! Farewell to sint east! Farewell to death! "Blessed are all who enter in through the gates into the city."

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good to choice wethers \$3.50a4.15; West-ern sheep \$3.00a4.00; native lambs \$2.50 a5.25; Western lambs \$3.00a4.25. East Liberty.—Cattle—choice \$5.75a 5.00; prime \$5.50a5.70; good \$5.15a5.45. Hogs active; prime heavies \$6.20a6.25; heavy mediums \$6.00a6.15; light do, \$5.85a5 or heavy Vorbars \$5.80a5.82; s.85a5.05; heavy Yorkers \$5.80a5.85; light do, \$5.60a\$5.70; pigs \$5.40a5.55; skips \$4.50a5.00; rough \$4.50a5.70. Sheep dull; best wethers \$3.50a3.65; culls and common \$1.00a2.00; yearlings \$2.50a3.75; veal calves \$6.00a7.00.

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